



# Blue Origin

Meeting between Blue Origin  
and  
NASA Presidential Transition Team  
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## About Blue Origin

Blue Origin is working, patiently and step-by-step, to lower the cost of spaceflight so that many people can afford to go. Accomplishing this mission will take a long time, and we're working on it methodically. We believe in incremental improvement and in keeping investments at a pace that's sustainable. Slow and steady is the way to achieve results. Our first objective is developing New Shepard, a rocket-propelled vehicle designed to routinely fly multiple astronauts into suborbital space at competitive prices.

In addition to providing the public with opportunities to experience spaceflight, New Shepard will also provide frequent opportunities for researchers to fly experiments into space and a microgravity environment. Flight testing of prototype New Shepard vehicles began in 2006 from Blue Origin's own launch site in West Texas. Blue Origin expects the first opportunities for experiments requiring an accompanying researcher astronaut to be available in 2012. Flight opportunities in 2011 may be available for autonomous or remotely-controlled experiments on an uncrewed flight test.

## Discussion Topics:

- Space exploration
- Lowering the cost of human spaceflight
- Development of commercial human spaceflight capabilities
- NASA's role in commercializing space
- NASA Scientist Participant Suborbital Research Program